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Your Ref: Petition P-05-914 Equal Access to Health Care for the Disabled

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Dear Ms Finch-Saunders

Thank you for your correspondence requesting a response to the above petition.

Our Primary Community and Therapies Services Group Estates Department do not believe that any of the 49 general medical practices (GMPs) within the Swansea Bay University Health Board have a hoist. However, we are currently confirming this position, with Practices requested to provide this information to the Health Board. Final responses will be collated and provided to you by the end of April 2021.

To date 61% of GMPs in SBUHB have confirmed that they have adjustable treatment couches for use by disabled patients. Whilst the majority of sites have adjustable couches they are not the wider bariatric type referred to in your letter, only 3 practices which have responded to date have confirmed they have the bariatric specification.

From a clinical perspective, if a patient cannot adequately be assessed using the equipment available, then General Medical Practitioners would refer the patient to an alternative, appropriate service for advice or assessment as clinically indicated.

I sincerely hope that my letter addresses the issues raised and provides clarity on the current provision.



Yours sincerely

CHIEF EXECUTIVE